

# Girton Parish Council

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Girton Recreation Ground  
Cambridge Road, Girton  
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## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 November 2007

**Present:** D de Lacey (Chair), E Bullman, V Godby, R Gordon, R Hiley, R Martin, C Starling, P Starling, L Sparling, M Taylor (to 187 6.3c) **Action/Power**

Robert Campbell, Principal of Impington Village College was present to item 162. Bill Parnwell and Revd Steve Holland were present throughout.

### 07/177 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Barrett (belated), Ford-Smith, Hodgkinson, Mayfield, Wilson, Cllr Reynolds (belated) and Cllr Bygott.

### 07/178 Members' declarations of interests

None.

### 07/179 Open Session for Public

Cllr de Lacey prop to suspend Standing Orders, sec Cllr Bullman, carried unanimously.

1. **Members of the Public.** No speakers.
2. **Talk from Robert Campbell, Principal, Impington Village College.** R Campbell introduced himself to the Council and circulated a paper on the school. His main purpose for visiting the Council is to seek support for the development of the sport centre (fitness and health suite, enhance the changing facilities and a swimming pool spectator area) in order to secure funding. The Council agreed to support the development by letter. HB
3. **Police report.** No report received.
4. **District Councillors' reports.** There was no report but Parish Councillors raised their concerns about the Northstowe development. Cllr Godby expressed her disappointment that it is no longer going to be an 'ecotown'; Cllr Starling said he was concerned about whether the infrastructure would be in place so traffic does not come through Girton and Cllr Hiley expressed concern about flood drainage.
5. **County Councillor's report.** No report submitted.
6. **Girton Town Charity.** Cllr Hiley said he understood that there is now an agreed layout of the roadway layout into Wellbrook Way. He said the buildouts to control speed don't include plans for cycle ways. The Clerk was asked to write to Wimpey for clarification regarding cycle escapes. HB
7. **Youth Works.** Revd Holland reported that the group was having problems recruiting supervisors for the gardening project.
8. **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** Following an email from Peter Duthie Cllr Starling said he was hopeful that the County Council would agree all the plans we had asked for.

### 07/180 Standing Orders reinstated

Prop Cllr de Lacey, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.

### 07/181 Unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 17 October 2007

The minutes were approved. Prop Cllr Godby, sec Cllr C Starling, unanimous.

### 07/182 Matters arising from the minutes

07/175.6 Completed Annual Return noted and referred to Finance Committee. FC  
The Clerk has taken action on all the items arising from the minutes (marked HB).

**07/183 That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Environment and Sport & Recreation Committees be received**

The minutes were received.

**07/184 That the Council agree a response to the County Councils' Minor Highway Improvement Scheme 2008/09 bids** (document attached)

HB

1. Cllr Martin prop, sec Cllr Gordon. Cllr Hiley prop amendment to add at the end: *We note also that the footpath network crosses the road at this point.* Amended motion carried unanimously.
2. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.
3. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Bullman, unanimous.
4. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous. Cllr Hiley suggested writing to the Department of Transport suggesting they carry the sign 'share the road' – image of cyclist and car together.
- 5a. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, 6 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention.
- 5b. Cllr de Lacey prop £1 per elector, sec Cllr Martin, 5 in favour, 3 against, 2 abstentions.
6. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Taylor, 2 in favour, 7 against, 1 abstention.
7. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr C Starling, 9 in favour, 1 against
8. Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.
9. Withdrawn.

**07/185 That the Council approve the spending of £596 for new curtains in the Pavilion Hall, as recommended by the Sport and Recreation Committee**

LM/Statutory

Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Godby, 8 in favour, 2 against.

**07/186 That Councillor Ford-Smith be appointed a second Vice-Chairman**

Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Taylor, 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

**07/187 That the Council agree a response to the Consultation on the North West Cambridge Area Action Plan Preferred Options** (document attached with approved amendments indicated in **bold type**)

HB

2. NW1 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Hiley. Cllr Hiley prop amendment to add at the end: *The development should be regulated such that it is almost entirely developed in connection with University and college activities and non-university employment provision should be disallowed except for essential infrastructure such as schools.* sec Cllr de Lacey, unanimous. Cllr de Lacey prop amended response, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- 2.4h Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- 2.4k Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin. Cllr Hiley prop amendment to add at the end: *furthermore we do not consider a road with green banks beside it a green separation. It should be a pedestrian and amenity area.* Sec Cllr de Lacey. Cllr de Lacey prop amended response, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- 3.o Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.
- 3.q Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- 3.8 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.
- 5.4a Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- NW11 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- 6.3c Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin. Cllr Hiley prop amendment to add at the end: *nor is it either safe or confident nor does it meet Government guidelines as in the Manual for Streets.* Sec Cllr Martin. Cllr de Lacey prop amended response, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- 6.3d Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Gordon, unanimous.
- NW13 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.
- 6.11b Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- NW17a Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- 6.14d Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.
- NW18 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.
- NW19 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous.
- NW24b Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.

NW24c Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.

NW25.1 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Godby, 8 in favour, 1 against.

26.4 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley. Cllr Hiley prop amendment to add at the end: *and to implement necessary desirable ameliorations*. Sec Cllr de Lacey, unanimous. Cllr de Lacey prop amended response, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.

28.2 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Hiley, unanimous.

29 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Martin, unanimous.

10.4 Cllr de Lacey prop, sec Cllr Gordon, unanimous.

**07/188 That the Council agree a response on the NIAB planning application 07/1124/REM**

HB

Cllr de Lacey prop the following response, sec Cllr Godby, unanimous: *On access the application states merely that "The access point from Huntingdon Road to serve the wider allocation site is the same point as that for the reserved matters proposal" (Planning Statement 5.10). In the light of the TIF proposals Girton Parish Council wishes the question of access to the whole site to be re-addressed.*

*On appearance and scale the Planning Statement makes little comment, but the Parish Council feels that both the density and height (4 storeys) of the buildings, abutting as they do on the strategic gap between Girton Village and the City, are inappropriate. The "strategic gap" so central to thinking about the NW Cambridge proposals appears to have disappeared here (neither this phrase nor "Girton gap" appears in the Design and Access Statement).*

*Girton Parish Council requests that there be a re-think of the design at the boundary between the site and Girton, and the visual impact of the sight both on the main road and from Girton itself.*

**07/189 That the Council respond to the Consultation on Green Separation in the Cambridge East Area Action Plan objecting to the removal of the green separation from Fen Ditton and Teversham**

HB

Cllr de Lacey prop the following response, sec Cllr Hiley: *Girton Parish Council wish to object to the removal of the green separation from Fen Ditton and Teversham. The necklace of villages required by the Structure Plan demands green separation. Approved unanimously.*

**07/190 Health and Safety – report on damage to light in Recreation Ground car park 27 October**

Cllr de Lacey reported that the light had been damaged and left dangling by it flex. Now repaired.

**07/191 That reports from Parish Councillors be received**

1. Cllr Bullman reported that the caravan on Oakington Road had been moved (but not removed) and the area cleared.
2. Cllr P Starling asked whether the village could have more air quality sensors like the one on the lamp post near A14 bridge.
3. Cllr Godby reported a damaged man hole cover at the top of Woodlands Park.
4. Cllr C Starling reported that he had visited the Guided Bus area at Park Lane and said he could not see why one lane could not have been open. He also said a section of the new cycleway had been damaged and that there were dangers for dismounted cyclists with the temporary path layout. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Reynolds.
5. Cllr Sparling reported that the bollards at the bottom of Woodlands Park had been knocked down again by a refuse truck.
6. Cllr Martin commented on the amount of dumped rubbish at the recycling area on the Rec car park.
7. Cllr Gordon suggested that all Councillors be given a stock of letters they could post through doors of houses with overhanging hedges asking the owners to cut them back. If no action was taken the Clerk would write with a firmer follow-up letter.

### **07/192 Correspondence**

1. SCDC – Litter and dog bins – result of consultation. SCDC is to control installation of all new bins and to continue to empty free of charge all bins on public highways
2. Stagecoach – Citi 6 service
3. Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum – the CLAF and the A14 questionnaire
4. Victim Support – Request for donation
5. SCDC – Acknowledgment of letter re dog bin at Pepys Way (see 07/44 Environment Committee minutes)
6. Andrew Lansley – Closure of Night Owl lorry parking facility
7. Carillion-URS – Questionnaire re customer service
8. Highways Agency – A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton stakeholder liaison event, November 6
9. Cambs County Council – Review of passenger transport in Cambridgeshire
10. COPE Newsletter
11. SCDC – H&S implications of naming or re-naming of streets within the District
12. CALC – Report from recent VAT workshop; Minute of meeting on 23 August; Joint planning workshops with SCDC officers; Workshop on Allotments
13. Andrew Lansley – Request for Parish Council's views on North-west Cambridge Area Action Plan, proposed options for Indicative Built Environment/Principal Open Space
14. NALC – Continuous Professional Development, A National Training Strategy Booklet
15. CALC – Councillor Professional Development Stages 1, 11 & III
16. S Adams – Letter raising concern about vandalism
17. Cambs County Council – Contracted bus services consultation

### **07/193 That payments for the period 11 October to 14 November 2007 be approved**

Payments	21 Nov 2007	New combined PC/Rec payments			
Cq no.	Paid To	Description	Gross	VAT	net
1888	Binder Loams	Cricket pitch dressing and fertiliser	293.53	35.65	257.88
1889	Girton Youth Works	Hedge cutting and pathway clearing	44.00		44.00
1890	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picker	15.00		15.00
1891	CHS Architects	New community facility stage 1 fee	2,731.87	406.87	2,325.00
1892	Helen Bracey	Clerk's wages (month 7)	627.71		627.71
1893	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI month 7	110.47		110.47
1894	Linda Miller	Bookings Administrator wages (month 7) + expenses	934.93		934.93
1895	Norman Lewell	Security/Maintenance Officer fees	336.00		336.00
1896	Alison Warlow	Clerk QuickBooks training and new accounts set up	165.00		165.00
1897	The Poppy Appeal	Donation and purchase of wreath	35.00		35.00
1898	Powergen	Electricity charges	1,015.15	151.19	863.96
1899	SCDC	Trade waste collection	148.05	22.05	126.00
1900	British Telecom	Telephone and broadband charges	150.87	23.14	127.73
1901	Print-Out	Photocopying charges	9.72	1.45	8.27
1902	Cotton Hall Foundation	Hire of Cotton Hall meeting room	11.25		11.25
1903	St John's College	Rent half year in advance St Johns Field	200.00		200.00
1904	True Value Histon Hardware	Pavilion supplies	13.99	2.08	11.91
1905	Tamla Sparkes	Litter picker	60.00		60.00
1906	J Wells	Open Spaces maintenance	171.88		171.88
1907	Cambridge Tree Surgery	Tree work at Rec and Rec car park	246.75	36.75	210.00
1908	Peter T Round	Grounds maintenance Oct 07	529.49	78.86	450.63
1909	A J & R Scrambler	Service roller	248.68	37.04	211.64
1910	Nigel Childs	Cleaning fee 1 Oct-3 Nov	587.50	87.50	500.00
1911	The Cambridge Flooring	Replace flooring in disabled toilets	211.50	31.50	180.00

	Co Ltd				
<b>1912</b>	Turfcare	Fertilise football pitches	120.00		120.00
<b>1913</b>	Algar Signcraft Services Ltd	Signage at Pavilion	21.15	3.15	18.00
<b>1914</b>	Glasdon UK Ltd	Dog litter bin for Thornton Road	337.83	50.31	287.52
<b>1915</b>	Mr P Hacker	Travel expenses to attend Northstowe meetings	54.00		54.00
			9,431.32	967.54	8,463.78

Cllr Hiley commented that the description for cheque 1891 be altered to read 'community facility'. With a correction to cheque 1915 payments were approved, Cllr Martin prop, sec Cllr Gordon, 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

The meeting closed at 2135hrs.